

# NIETSCHKE

Jack

— 2021 —

SHIRAZ



*In 1838 two ships sailed to Australia, aboard the Zebra is Samuel Johann Nietschke and on the Prince George is Johann Georg Kalleske. Stepping forward 130 years, these two pioneering grapegrowing families join when John Kalleske marries Lorraine Nietschke in 1968. Sons Tony, Kym and Troy now run the Kalleske vineyard and winery, however it was Lorraine's forebears who first made wine well before the Kalleske boys tried their hand. To honour Lorraine's lineage this wine proudly bears the Nietschke name.*

*Great Uncle Jack would be proud of this modern day, Barossa Shiraz. A full-bodied wine with uplifting aromatics, rich dark fruit flavours and classy oak characters resulting in a generous, mouth-filling and beautifully balanced Shiraz that will cellar gracefully in the medium term.*

## GROWING SEASON

Vintage 2021 was an exemplary year with fine wines and good yields. Growing season rainfall was marginally below average and temperatures were mild ensuring vine canopies remained healthy. Vintage weather was absolutely perfect throughout, with dry mild-warm days and cool nights ensuring even and steady ripening across all varieties. There is strong colour and flavour across all the reds along with excellent structure and balance whilst the whites are bright, fresh, and elegant.

## VINEYARD

Nietschke Jack is grown and made in Australia's premier wine region, the Barossa Valley. Grapes are sourced from a diversity of sites across the Barossa, including the renowned Greenock sub-region where vines are low-yielding and are grown in shallow, sandy loam soil over deep red clay, providing ideal conditions for Shiraz.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested in numerous batches across the month of March. Following fermentation for 7 to 10 days on skins in open top fermenters with hand pump-overs twice daily, the grapes were pressed, and the wine was aged in hogshead barrels for eighteen months. Both seasoned and new American and French oak was used.

## TASTING NOTES

2021 Nietschke Jack is deep purple in colour with a black core. It is bright and uplifting with intense perfumed aromatics. Dark cherry and violets burst forth, along with roast almond, chocolate and musk leading to an enticing offering. The palate is equally vivid, with soft luminous red and black fruits enveloping the entire mouth. It is seamless throughout, mild tannins adding structure and restrained oak perfectly enhancing the rich fruit characters. Two finish there is extensive length superbly completing this expansive and generous well-balanced wine. Nietschke Jack is a fine Barossa Shiraz that will cellar gracefully in the medium term.

